

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Chun He, et al  
**Title:** Optical add/drop apparatus and the method for making the same  
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**Response to First Office Action**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 07/28/2004, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner, before reconsidering the pending claims, to enter the following amendments.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response, and

**REMARKS** begin on page 12 of this Response.